

commercial availability of respirators and to establish rules governing product liability actions against manufacturers and sellers of respirators; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1407. A bill to provide grants to States and local governments to assess the effectiveness of sexual predator electronic monitoring programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1408. A bill to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1409. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 to modify the grant program to improve sanitation in rural and Native villages in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1410. A bill to reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 7

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 7, a bill to increase American jobs and economic growth by making permanent the individual income tax rate reductions, the reduction in the capital gains and dividend tax rates, and the repeal of the estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxes.

S. 21

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

S. 37

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, *supra*.

S. 45

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 45, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices, and for other purposes.

S. 58

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 58, a bill to amend title 10, United

States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 392, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

S. 481

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 481, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release.

S. 611

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to establish a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

S. 614

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 614, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 642, a bill to support certain national youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

S. 662

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to reform the postal laws of the United States.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Washington

(Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 669, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat natural gas distribution lines as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 695

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 695, a bill to suspend temporarily new shipper bonding privileges.

S. 861

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 861, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide transition funding rules for certain plans electing to cease future benefit accruals, and for other purposes.

S. 863

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 863, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centenary of the bestowal of the Nobel Peace Prize on President Theodore Roosevelt, and for other purposes.

S. 960

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to prohibit the use of certain anti-competitive forward contracts.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1014

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to provide additional relief for small business owners ordered to active duty as members of reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from New York

(Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to authorize the presentation of commemorative medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1047

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1047, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of each of the Nation's past Presidents and their spouses, respectively, to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, to create a new bullion coin, and for other purposes.

S. 1057

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1057, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act.

S. 1063

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1063, a bill to promote and enhance public safety and to encourage the rapid deployment of IP-enabled voice services.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum update for physicians' services for 2006 and 2007.

S. 1103

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1103, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1120, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States by half by 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers.

S. 1180

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1180, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize various programs servicing the needs of homeless veterans for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, and for other purposes.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to provide for the collection and maintenance of cord blood units for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Bone Marrow and Cord Blood Cell Transplantation Program to increase the number of transplants for recipients suitable matched to donors of bone marrow and cord blood.

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, *supra*.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1358

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1358, a bill to protect scientific integrity in Federal research and policymaking.

S. 1386

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1386, a bill to exclude from consideration as income certain payments under the national flood insurance program.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should continue to be parity between the adjustments in the pay of members of the uniformed services and the adjustments in the pay of civilian employees of the United States.

S. CON. RES. 26

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), the Sen-

ator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 26, a concurrent resolution honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93.

S. RES. 182

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 182, a resolution supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research.

AMENDMENT NO. 1075

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1075 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1111

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1111 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1124

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1124 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1129

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1129 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1137

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1137 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1140

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of

amendment No. 1140 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1144

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1144 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1158

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1158 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1171

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1171 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1200

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1200 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1206

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1206 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1216

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1216 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1217

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) and the Senator from

Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1217 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1218

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1218 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 1396. A bill to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to provide incentives for small business investment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to join with my distinguished colleague, Senator SANTORUM, in introducing the Increased Capital Access for Growing Businesses Act. The legislation would help many small businesses address the challenge of accessing capital as they look to grow, develop and create more jobs.

I would like to share with colleagues in the Senate why this legislation is necessary and desirable to update our securities laws for entrepreneurial small business owners. In 1980, Congress passed legislation, the Small Business Investment Incentive Act, which authorized business development companies, or BDCs, to provide financing to small, developing or financially troubled companies. Congress recognized the importance of small businesses to the U.S. economy and that such businesses may have a more difficult time obtaining needed capital to grow and develop.

BDCs are publicly traded companies that are required to have 70 percent of their assets invested in eligible assets, or eligible portfolio companies, which are generally to be securities of small developing or financially troubled businesses. In 1980, the definition of a small company for the purposes of a BDC's 70 percent of asset category was tied to the Federal Reserve's rules defining marginable securities. At the time, about two-thirds or 8,000 publicly traded companies were not marginable and were therefore eligible investments for BDCs.

However, there was an unintended consequence of tying the definition of small company to those issuers that do not have marginable securities—the margin rules have been changed several times, which significantly reduced the number of public companies in which BDCs could invest. This was obviously

not the original intent of Congress, but the practical impact was that many small, public companies became ineligible to receive BDC financing, even if they could not receive more traditional sources of financing.

Recently, the disqualification of any private company that had issued any debt security has significantly narrowed even further the number of companies that qualify as eligible portfolio companies. Thus, for the first time many companies with no access to the public equity markets cannot access capital through a BDC. These companies are either denied capital access altogether, or are forced to turn to various unregulated sources to meet capital needs. This situation is unfair to the shareholders of BDCs, and unfair to the shareholders of businesses that could grow if only offered capital access opportunities.

That is why this legislation is so important. It will allow more small private and public companies to receive BDC financing and restore the original intent of Congress.

Specifically, the legislation would use a market capitalization standard of \$250 million or less to define what is an eligible portfolio company for BDCs. The \$250 million market capitalization level approximates the number of public companies that Congress originally intended to qualify as eligible BDC assets. I would note that it is also much lower than the market capitalization levels of small cap indexes, such as the S&P SmallCap 600, which uses a market cap of \$300 million to \$1 billion for a definition of a small company.

This legislation adds no costs or risks to the government or taxpayers. It will simply correct the unintended consequences of current rules and update the securities laws to allow more small businesses to access capital. This will in turn encourage small business growth, job creation and economic expansion.

That is why, earlier this year the House of Representatives unanimously passed similar legislation to modernize U.S. securities laws and allow more small businesses to be eligible for such financing.

I urge my colleagues in the Senate to join me in supporting this common-sense legislation for small businesses in America.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. REED, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1397. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the minimum end-strength level for active duty personnel for the United States Army, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows: